(c) M/s. Swagat Auto, Thane District, Maharashtra was terminated on account of poor performance/management and M/s. Delhi Gate Service Station, Agra, Uttar Pradesh was terminated on account of regular dryouts and other irregularities.

(d) In the case of M/s. Swagat Auto, decision has been taken by the Government on merits. In the other case, reinstatement was done as per the order of the Allahabad High Court.

Production of Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas

2106. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual average quantum of crude oil and natural gas which are being produced in the country;

(b) the details of annual average quantum of crude oil and natural gas imported; and

(c) the details of schemes, projects in force and proposed schemes and projects to expand the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The average annual production of crude oil and natural gas in the country during the last three years, 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 was 32.13 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) and 29.21 Billion Cubic Meter (BCM), respectively.

(b) During the period referred to above in reply to part (a), the average annual import of crude oil was 70.20 MMT. No import of natural gas was made during this period.

(c) Several important steps have been taken to increase oil and gas production, which include the following:

(i) to improve the recovery factor from existing major fields by implementing Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/lmproved Oil Recovery (IOR) scemes; in particular Oil and Natural Gas Corpoiation Limited (ONGC) has taken up 15 fields for this

purpose at an estimated investment of Rs. 10,000 crore, which would also help in accelerating oil production from these fields.

(ii) to increase exploration efforts through the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP). Under the three rounds of NELP, Production Sharing Contracts (PCSs) have been signed for 70 blocks.

(iii) to explore in new areas, especially in deep water and difficult frontier areas, as also explore in the deeper layers of the producing fields.

(iv) to develop faster the newly discovered fields and to step up the use of new technologies for seismic surveys, work over, stimulation operations, drilling of wells etc. in producing areas.

Irregularities in the functioning of Petrol Pumps

†2107. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any irregularities have been found in the functioning of the petrol pumps situated in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) whether the petrol pump owners have been punished for these irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of malpractices/irregularities detected at Retail Outlets during the last three years in the State of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat are as follows:—

State	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Rajasthan	119	147	68
Uttar Pradesh	110	112	166
Haryana	35	36	40
Madhya Pradesh	73	34	55
Gujarat	76	84	65

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.